



**Southwold
Primary School**

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 11th June 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely break and enjoyed the improved weather. We have an exciting final half term of the school year lined up including enrichment events such as Earth Day and Keeping Health Week in addition to preparing pupils for transition to new year groups in September 2021. Please check the parent dates sent home this week and available via the website calendar to keep up to date.

The Year 6 secondary transition day on Thursday 1st July will be going ahead as in person visits. Families should prepare in advance and ensure Year 6 pupils undertake COVID home tests two days before the visit and on return. Our school will be supporting the process by ensuring consistency in year group bubbles for Year 6 both before and after the visit.

Our school COVID secure risk assessment has been updated in response to government changes as lockdown eases. This can be found on the school website. We have had no cases of COVID 19 and no bubble closures since full re-opening on the 8th March. Our attendance continues to be above both the Hackney and national average as a result of the hard work of pupils, parents and school staff. Thank you! The government recently announced that international travel can gradually resume as destinations are added to England's 'green list'. People should not travel to 'amber' and 'red' countries, and strict rules on testing and quarantine remain in place to protect public health and the vaccination programme. Pupil attendance at school is mandatory and absence due to holidays in term time will not be authorised.

Our school Governors held their termly meeting in the week before half term. They have agreed the Federation budget and have been discussing standards at each school as well as risks related to national issues such as recruitment. A number of improvements have been planned for the Summer break. We hope that the Governors' newsletter sent out last term was useful in understanding more about who they are and what they do, there will be another newsletter later this term to update you.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

SCIENCE WORKSHOP



Year 5 took part in a hands on work shop Science all about friction. The children learnt all about the basic concepts of forces. They were able to discover the affects forces have on different objects and then the children set about making and then launching their own mini rockets to see friction in action!

INTO UNIVERSITY

This week Year 6 took part in workshops to support them with their transition to secondary school. They took part in activities such as practising following a timetable, packing a school bag with the correct



books and creating a personal timetable to help manage homework. Time management and organisation will be vital when they move on to secondary school.

PATTERN MAKING



The children in EYFS have been having fun recreating patterns using foam 2D shapes. Patterns help children make predictions because they begin to understand what comes next. They also help children learn how to make logical connections and develop their Reasoning skills.



PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON TIME SO THAT CLASSES ARE NOT INTERRUPTED.



NEW LIBRARY

One of the tasks that the school set about doing the partial school closures was to update the school library. Some of the books in the library were from the last Millennium! We spent £5,000 buying new texts which



better represent modern society and the school community. Each class will now have a designated time to go and visit the school library and take new topic books to use in their classrooms.

PEN LICENCES

More children from Year 3 were lucky enough to be awarded their pen licences this half term. Children are awarded their licence when they can write neatly in pencil over 10 consecutive lessons. Having good



presentation is important because it makes the reader want to read what you have written and gives the writer a sense of pride in what they have achieved! Have you got your pen licence yet?

COFFEE MORNINGS AND KEY DATES

Our coffee mornings will continue to run online until the end of the academic year. Please see below for upcoming content and visit the Coffee Morning page in the parent section of the website for historic content. In addition to the coffee mornings, there are a number of scheduled events taking place across the second half of the summer term including celebration assemblies and a PTA event. Please check the website calendar and the parent dates document sent home this week!

Date	Focus
Friday 25 th June	Keeping Healthy: Find out how to provide a well-balanced diet at home and for packed lunches
Friday 9 th July	Maths: Strategies to support your child with their timestables
Friday 23 rd July	Summer Holiday activities: Things to do at home and in the local area to prepare your child for the new school year

Key Dates

Summer Term 2021

Half Term Holiday:

Monday 31 May 2021—Friday 4 June 2021

Children Start Date:

Monday 7th June 2021

Staff Training Day:

Friday 25th June 2021

Keeping Healthy Week (including sports day):

Starts Monday 28th June 2021

Parents Evening:

Thursday 8th July 2021

End of Term Finish Date:

Thursday 22nd July at 2pm

Staff Training Day: Friday 23rd July 2021

Autumn Term 2021

Staff Training Days: Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September 2021

Children's Start Date: Monday 6th September 2021

Meet the Teacher: Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th September 2021

Bring a Dad/Significant Male to School Day: Wednesday 29th September 2021

World Week & Democracy Day:

Monday 11th October 2021 – Friday 15th October 2021

Half Term Holiday: Monday 25th October 2021 - Friday 29th October 2021

Children Start Date:

Monday 1st November 2021

Parents Evening:

Thursday 9th December 2021

End of Term Finish Date: Friday 17th December 2021 at 2pm

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ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday and on time makes a real difference to progress in learning. Whole school attendance for last week was **96%**

Well done to Year 3 Sparrow Class the overall weekly winners with **100%**

